Airports in Rajasthan

2326. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of airports operating in Rajasthan;

(b) how many of them are of international standards;

(c) whether airport at Sanganer is scheduled for upgradation and expansion;

(d) whether any proposals are under consideration of Government form construction of new airports of international standards in Rajasthan;

(e) if so, the time schedule thereof; and

(f) whether there are any greenfield airports proposed to be developed in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The names of 5 airports in operation in the State of Rajasthan are Jaipur, Udaipur, Kota, Jodhpur (Civil Enclave) and Jaisalmer (Civil Enclave).

(b) Jaipur (Sanganer) Airport is an International Airport.

(c) Jaipur Airport, is one of the 35 non-metro airports taken up for upgradation and expansion by AAI. Construction of a New International Terminal Building and allied works are in progress with likely completion by January, 2009.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) M/s Rajasthan Aero Sports Club Private Limited has sent a request for setting up of a Greenfield domestic airport at village Paladi, Viratnagar Tehsil, Rajasthan.

Mandatory air safety management

2327. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a new body to ensure and maintain air safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to work out a mandatory safety management system, for all airlines for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the details of strides that have since been made by India in ensuring air safety since mid-air horrific collision at Charkhi-Dadri in Haryana in 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under active consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

However, it has been decided to move in the direction of separation of investigation wing from the regulatory wing as recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). DGCA has been requested to prepare a roadmap for the same.

(c) and (d) Air Traffic Service Provider and the licensed aerodrome holders are required to establish Safety Management System (SMS). SMS has also been introduced for air operators and maintenance organizations which would become effective from January 2009. It is a systematic approach to manage safety with established lines of safety accountability throughout the organization starting from the very top.

(e) After mid-air collision on 12.11.96 at Charkhi Dardri, Haryana, various safety measures have been taken which include installation of air-borne Collision Avoidance System, installation of Transponder (A,C and S Type), Minimum Safe Altitude Warning System, installation of Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radars (MSSRs), introduction of Crew Resource Management Programme as integral part of crew training, introduction of proficiency check for English language for pilots, bifurcation of ATS Route G-452 into arrival/departure corridors within the limits of Delhi Terminal Area, laying the requirements for the minimum parameters to be recorded on DFDR/FDR, introduction of a scheme for licensing of controllers etc.

Baggage handling system at IGI Airport

2328. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi has recently introduced a new inline baggage handling system under which passengers can now proceed straight to the check-in counter and receive their boarding card while the baggage gets checked and assisgned automatically;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider to start this system at Kullu and Dharamshala airports in view of number of foreign tourists who travel from these airports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Inline baggage screening system has been installed at International Terminal of IGI airport. Passengers now approach check-in counters directly and baggage is screened after check-in process.

(c) and (d) AAI has started providing inline X-Ray Baggage Inspection System at various airports in phased manner. The traffic at Kullu and Dharamshala airports does not presently, justify provision of inline XBIS.

Collision at Goa Airport

2329. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: